

Addressing Workgroup Meeting Minutes

March 6th, 2014

Present:

Mindy Cochran, Flathead County GIS

Jason Singleton, Flathead County 911 Center

- **Discussion on changing the criteria for roads which require names per county addressing resolution**
 - Mindy said they had their meeting with the commissioners to discuss changing the criteria for which roads require names per the county addressing resolution. Jason reiterated that the new road names are no issue for emergency responders. Mindy stated the commissioner's said they were going to think about it some more, but didn't ask for any changes to the resolution at this time.
 - Jason brought up the Bowdish Trl re-addressing project, where the landowners used his statement to get the Board of Commissioner's to overturn an addressing project the GIS department had initiated. Jason stated that his opinion and statements were misrepresented by the landowners in that incident and that he is in support of the re-addressing program.
- **Agreement between GIS / 911 was completed. Jason and Mindy agree this was good to have done and a beneficial thing to have in place.**
- **Discussion on city vs. county addressing**
 - Mindy brought up an incident where a landowner called the county asking to have an address added to their property. There were addresses for this property on a recorded subdivision plat, but it was in the Columbia Falls city limits so the county called the city. The city did not want the address added to the data since there was no house yet built. Discussion was held on the different stances between city and county addressing, since the county usually prefers to have addresses on recorded plats added into the GIS data. Also, we briefly discussed the different stances on which road to assign addresses off of. The county's stance is to assign addresses based on where the access comes from. Columbia Falls usually assigns addresses based off of where the front door faces, but that will likely not be an option for this property since the front door will probably face north (due to a row of hedges on the east and south), and the only named roads are to the east and the south.
- **Jason brought up some confusion stemming from a 911 call along "South Nucleus" in Columbia Falls**
 - Someone had called in an incident along "South Nucleus." Jason had asked for clarification from the City of Columbia Falls. Their stance is that there is no South Nucleus road. Jason stated that there are 5 known street signs that say "South Nucleus," and so it is confusing.
- **Jason commented that the number of land lines has not been declining, which is surprising due to the increased use of cell phones**
- **Next Meeting: June 5th, 2014 at 2 pm**
 - Mindy and Jason discussed the need to meet again next quarter. Mindy said she would probably email out to see if anyone planned on attending and would only hold the meeting if there were items to discuss.
- **Meeting Adjourned**